

NEWSLETTER

A message from this week's editor: Ms Broderick / Mrs Muir

As part of our Pause Afternoon learning, children across the school explored Judaism in a variety of meaningful ways. Year 1 and Year 2 had the opportunity to visit a local synagogue, where they behaved respectfully and asked thoughtful questions. During the visit, they learned about key Jewish symbols and traditions, including how the Torah is cared for and the strong sense of community within the Jewish faith. The rest of the school took part in engaging classroom activities linked to Judaism. Children learned about the significance of Shabbat, explored the importance of the Torah, and discovered Jewish festivals such as Hanukkah. Through discussions, stories and creative tasks, pupils developed their understanding of Jewish beliefs and traditions, while reflecting on shared values such as family, celebration and community.



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Collective Worship

In Collective Worship this week, the children reflected on the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. They explored the themes of equity and equality, discussing how fairness and respect for everyone are important in our school and the wider community. The children shared their ideas and thought about ways they can make a positive difference in their own lives and the lives of others.

Star of the week

Nursery - Kevin
Reception - Ridham
Year 1 - Anastasia
Year 2 - Hargun
Year 3 - Cristiano
Year 4 - Gabriela
Year 5 - Amine
Year 6 - Comfort

Top Attendance this week

1st - 99.45 - x%
2nd - 99.19 - x%
3rd - 98.33 - x%



This week, our Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoyed a special visit to a synagogue. The children showed great respect throughout the visit and asked many thoughtful and insightful questions. They learnt about the similarities between different religions, as well as what makes Judaism unique, with a focus on harmony and strong community values. Our guide taught us about important Jewish symbols and traditions, including how the Torah is kept safe; who is allowed to read from it; and some of the festivals that are celebrated. It was a valuable and memorable learning experience for everyone.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK?



Discovery class enjoyed preparing food for a Jewish celebration. The children chopped apples and pears to make up part of the Jewish plate called a Seder. Charoset symbolises the mortar that enslaved Hebrews were forced to use.



Nursery children have loved exploring our new book, My Pet Star. They role played life on a planet without gravity, moving and floating creatively. The children pretended to care for animals as pets. We explored caring for their basic needs including exploring food, shelter, kindness, responsibility and gentle handling through imaginative play. We even fixed our rocket!



Reception watched children going to a synagogue and showing them the Torah. They built their own synagogue and sat quietly showing respect, then even used paper as their Torah.



This week Year 3 have really enjoyed learning about Shabbat during our Pause Afternoon on Judaism. We learnt about some of their special traditions like having a special family meal. We made posters to share our learning.



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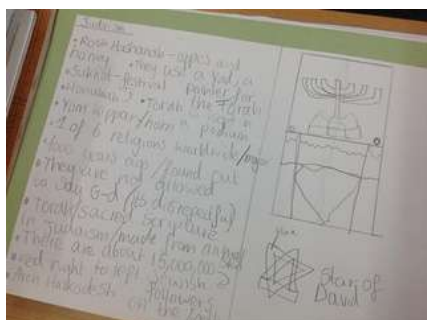
Year 4 really enjoyed learning about Judaism during their Pause afternoon. We focused on Shabbat (Jewish sabbath), how it is celebrated and the traditions Jewish people follow. We watched some videos where a ten year old Jewish boy told us about their religion and festivals. We found out about objects you find in a synagogue, including the Torah



This morning the hall was filled with parents attending the Year 4 Class Assembly. The children hosted a fantastic assembly showcasing all their learning since they began Year 4 in September. They spoke, sang and shared about a range of subjects. Well done to all our Year 4 children for their hard work and thank you to all the parents who were able to attend.



For Pause Afternoon, Year 5 recapped on the religion of Judaism in general then focused on the festival of Hannukah through watching video clips and answering questions. They then enjoyed creating their own dreidels and playing with them.



During Pause afternoon, Year 6 studied Judaism and discovered a plethora of new facts about the religion. We watched videos and read online materials and then, made posters with three distinct sections. We focused on general facts as well as on the Torah and Shabbat.



PUPIL VOICE

"It's a synagogue. Look at all the people who came to listen"

Kevin - Early Years

"I loved doing the posters on Shabbat. It was really fun."

Katie Rose - Year 3

"The Torah is a religious book which Jewish people read and follow. I didn't know the Torah was written in Hebrew!"

Sophia - Year 4

"We found it surprising that they do not touch their holy book and that they read from right to left"

Hosam & David - Year 6



IMPORTANT DATES

Week 4 & 5

2nd February - PTA Valentines Disco - Early Years to Year 2

3rd February - PTA Valentine Disco - Year 3 & Year 4

4th February - In school workshop: Rocks & Fossils Workshop delivered by Travelling Natural History Museum - Year 3

4th February - PTA Valentine Disco - Year 5 & Year 6

6th February - Year 3 Class Assembly

Week 6

10th February - Colnbrook vs Wraysbury Boys Football match

12th February - Last day of half term

13th February - **INSET day - school closed to pupils.**

Half term

16th to 20th February

Week 1

23rd February - **First day of term**

25th February - 3:30-6pm - Parents evening

26th February - 3:30-6pm - Parents evening

Slots for parents evening go live later next week

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Breakfast Club needs to be booked via Teachers2Parent app.

IN OTHER NEWS



Star of the Week this term is Lucky Dip. Photo of children Year 3 to Year 6 who were awarded Star of the Week. Well done to all the children who were awarded certificates today.



Message from School Office - There will be **no clubs next Thursday 29th January** due to Staff training. Please make alternative arrangements for your children and ensure they are collected at 3:15pm.



A survey will be shared with all parents today which has been request by Catering Manager Jack Moody. Catering survey has been shared via email this afternoon. This is a combined parent / pupil feedback so please complete alongside your child. Deadline for this survey is **Friday 6th February**.



Additional bike and scooter racks have been installed at the front of our school. Please use these correctly - bikes in bike rack and not propped up against hall as we are not liable for any damage caused, with scooters in the smaller scooter rack. Both can be found by the hall and green gate near the Resource Base.



A reminder that e-scooters are **not permitted** on the school site. The law does not currently permit private e-scooters to be ridden on public footpaths and roads, so they should not be brought to school. Privately owned e-scooters can only be used legally on private land.



Uniform reminder - label items otherwise we can not match missing items in lost property with pupil



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